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Boards Pay Expenses

Typical Instances of Supervisors who were sent to Philadelphia.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In the April Journal the editor requested that supervisors whose expenses to Philadelphia had been paid, help pass the good fortune on by telling others about it. A number of letters came, of which he publishes several. The one nameless example leads him to believe that there are a number of cases about which supervisors do not desire publicity. But the ideas and concrete examples given here will prove valuable ammunition if properly used.—P. W. D.)

NELLIE L. GLOVER, Akron, Ohio

The last issue requests that a statement be made in regard to expenses being paid at the N. C. M. S conferences. I wrote a letter to our Board of Education, asking for time off to attend the meeting. They granted my request and at the same time voted that my expenses, railroad and hotel, be paid out of school funds.

Last year Supt. Hotchkiss presented the matter to them and my expenses were paid to St. Louis also. I think the expenses of two others were also paid.

I paid for my own new gown, as I need to be properly clothed even here in my own city.

BERYL M. HARRINGTON, Burlington, Vt.

The April number of the Supervisor's Journal has just reached me, and I hastened to tell you that I was sent as a state delegate, appointed by the State Board of Education, to St. Louis last year and to Philadelphia this year. My expenses were paid by the state.

HERBERT LLOYD, Bound Brook, N. J.

In answer to your request for information as to cases where expenses of Supervisors had been paid by Boards of Education, I am happy to report that all my expenses were paid by the Bound Brook Board of Education. I presented the matter to the Superintendent who brought it to the attention of the Board. I also spoke to some members of the board personally.

A nameless lady on the Minnesota Range

I was one of the members of the National Conference of Music Supervisors, who were so fortunate as to have their expenses paid to Philadelphia. My good fortune was brought about thus:

Early in the fall, while in conference with my superintendent, I mentioned the National Meeting to be held in the spring. I mentioned the good I had derived from the Grand Rapids meeting, and asked that he keep in mind the Philadelphia meeting with the National Meetings of the Libraries and Physical Training Instructors, who have heretofore been sent from this district.

When the February Journal came with all of the news of the good things in store for the conference members, I gave it to my superintendent to look over. When he returned it, I went over the program with him, and he agreed that I should not miss it. He recommended it to the Board, and I was notified to go. I feel that the Journal was a big factor of influence.

Please do not publish my name and district, I would rather it be omitted. I wish that a copy of the Journal could be sent to every superintendent. I think it would increase the conference membership.

SUDIE L. WILLIAMS, Dallas, Texas

"Pass Your Good Fortune On." M. S. J., April, 1920.

The Board paid my expenses to Philadelphia (and return) in this manner. Railroad and Pullman fares *outright*, and allowed five dollars per day for expenses including *all* the days from beginning to end—going and coming. The trip consumed ten days. This covers practically *all* expenses, unless one is terribly extravagant. The Board made the same allowance last year to St. Louis. When I asked for leave of absence to St. Louis, the president said he thought they could send me. In other words, an *offer* to pay expenses was made. I was

only asking for leave of absence. This year, when I asked the president some time previous to the conference, he said, "when you are ready to go, state your wishes; I think we can help you out." I was granted permission to go. When I returned, I addressed a letter to the Board, giving the amount of my expenses and stating that "there is no better way of keeping your supervisors abreast of the times than allowing them to go or better to *send* them to these national conferences." In this same communication, I gave the expenses of the Austin trip (Miss Littlejohn's Committee on State Course of Study lasting five days) and stated that the expenses of each member were paid by his respective board; that two members were from State Normal Schools, which schools set aside a fund for "extension" work of this kind. (I secretly hoped that this might give the idea of doink likewise.) I can't say what discussion took place, nor how it happened but I do know that at that meeting a ruling was made that hereafter whenever a *leave of absence* such as mine was granted, it would also include the paying of railroad and Pullman fares and five dollars per day for expenses. I shall be glad for others to know of this for well might other boards emulate the example of *ours*.

WINIFRED SMITH, *Cicero, Ill.*

All of my Philadelphia expenses were paid by my Boards, though I did not include an Easter gown nor bonnet, unlike your friend. (Apropos of that—please don't pass judgment on all of us because of the indiscretions of one of our sex.)

My salary is paid by two Boards of Education and I am blest with two superintendents who need no converting to virtue of music in the schools. They have not at any time refused me expenses and once my high school principal offered before I asked. When I asked for my expenses to Philadelphia, I told

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